

GLOUCESTER ARTS AND CULTURAL COUNCIL INCORPORATED

Child Safety Policy

Date of Commencement: July 2017

Review Date: July, 2018

1. Policy Objectives

GACCI is a socially and morally responsible organisation in the area of child safety. With this set as a clear objective, GACCI has developed this Child Safety Policy. GACCI accepts that contact and working with children is a critical responsibility and that at all times, children have the right to be safe and protected.

GACCI is committed to:

- ensuring all relevant GACCI activities are conducted in a child safe environment;
- ensuring all involved with GACCI are informed that there is no tolerance for any form of child abuse;
- complying with any Commonwealth and NSW State child protection legislation.

2. Policy Basis

This Policy is based on the following three (3) components:

- Working With Children Checks
- A Procedure for dealing with Complaints
- Preventing, identifying and responding to child protection concerns

and applies to GACCI members and volunteers and other persons engaging in GACCI activities.

3. Working with Children Checks

Volunteers who have face-to-face contact with children who are not in the care of their parent or legal guardian will be required to undergo a Working With Children Check through the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/apply/apply>

Responsibility for ensuring such checks are undertaken rests with the nominated Child Safety Contact Officer who is designated and responsible for the area of activity being undertaken.

4. Child Safety Officer and Contact Person(s)

For each activity involving children, GACCI will nominate a Child Safety Officer and Contact Person(s)